

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant(s): Toshinari Takayanagi

Title: NEGATIVE BIAS TEMPERATURE INSTABILITY (NBTI)  
PRECONDITIONING OF MATCHED DEVICES

Application No.: 10/664,104

Filed: September 17, 2003

Examiner: Thong Quoc Le

Group Art Unit: 2827

Atty. Docket No.: 004-9196

Confirmation No.: 3693

---

April 4, 2006

Mail Stop Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

**RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION**

This paper is responsive to the Non-Final Office Action mailed on January 4, 2006, having a shortened statutory period for response set to expire April 4, 2006. In light of the Amendments and/or Remarks herein, further examination is requested.

Remarks begin on page 2.